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Construction continues on buildings, walkways across URI campus

BY BROOKE CONSTANCE WHITE
News Reporter

It was a busy summer for construction at the University of Rhode Island as areas around Ranger and Green Hall were landscaped into a small Quadrangle and construction continued on the new Hillside residence hall being built at the location of where the old Terrace Apartments.

URI Vice President of Administration and Finance Robert Weygand said the walkways and grassy areas behind Green Hall and Ranger Hall were supposed to be turned into a Quadrangle about seven years ago but the project got delayed until this past year. Although progress took place last spring, the project was completed during the summer months.

"We really wanted to give that little area a purpose, so now it's a place where students can meet up with each other; it's almost like an outdoor classroom in a way," Weygand said. "It has a park-like setting and is



Teresa Kelly | Cigar

The construction site for the new chemistry building now extends from next to the Chaffee Social Science Center to the end of Tyler Hall.

a good place for students and staff to enjoy the outdoors, especially because it is lit and we have a seating wall for people to sit and chat with each other."

Construction the new Hillside residence hall is on schedule and the building is set to open September 2012 with 429 beds for freshmen and sophomores. Currently, they are still in the beginning phases of construction which includes rock blasting and laying the foundation.

Weygand said there was one day during the summer when they had to turn the water off near the site because they found some water lines between Barlow Hall and Bressler Hall that they did not know about.

"A lot of the water lines that are around the older buildings on campus were put in a long time ago and weren't documented, so we had no idea they were there," Weygand said. "Water was shut off for a short time but it didn't really effect

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New road opens near Memorial Union

BY LANCE SAN SOUCI
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News Reporter

Scattered between the University of Rhode Island's Parking Services and Bressler Hall, a field of stone and dirt – construction equipment still in place – are all that remains of the Terrace Apartments and the road that ran between them.

In their absence, however, students will note a newly paved road that extends from Campus Avenue to Lower College Road, designed to improve traffic flow around campus. This road, which is actually just a relocation of Baird Hill Road, also aims to provide an improved entrance into the Memorial Union parking lot for personal and delivery vehicles.

Director of Capital Projects Paul Depace said the bus shuttle route at the Memorial Union, which exits through



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A new road connects Lower College Road and Bard Hill Road allowing for more efficient trafficking and easier access to Fraternity Circle.

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URI gives students best value

BY FARAH CASALINI
News Reporter

The Wall Street Journal's SmartMoney magazine has noted the University of Rhode Island as the best value in higher education in New England for the second time in their recent publication, with URI also ranking 13 nationally.

In the study, the magazine assessed the cost of tuition at 50 different colleges with what they considered pricier tuition, including the eight Ivy League schools and more than 40 of the most expensive non-Ivy League schools. The study then compared the tuition cost with the average salary of alumni to produce a "payback score." The higher the payback score, the better bang for your buck.

This means that students get what they, or their parents, pay for.

URI Dean of Admissions Cynthia Bonn said she is pleased with the ranking by SmartMoney magazine and that it can help attract more stu-

dents in the future.

"Recognition from a third party is extremely rewarding," she said. "It definitely puts a feather in our cap when a reputable publication considers URI's education to be a terrific investment."

Bonn believes that the recognition was well-earned because of initiatives taken on campus, including freshmen Grand Challenge courses, experimental learning and the construction of new buildings on campus. She also attributes URI's success to the quality of the faculty and the curriculum.

The survey was first published in 2008, where URI was ranked at 15 nationally and still the best value in the northeast, Bonn said. She added that being able to maintain such a high ranking is "tremendous," and that she has "no complaints."

The top 18 schools on the list are public institutions, with the highest-ranked Ivy League

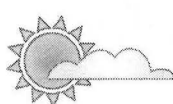
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policies in next week's issue of
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Miss some of your favorite
summer movies?

See page 5.

CAMPUS

URI freshmen class reaches record totals

BY MADDY MORRIN
News Reporter

The University of Rhode Island's Office of Admissions received more than 21,000 applications this year, the largest number of applications URI has ever received, according to a press release.

"We're expecting a undergraduate freshmen class of more than 3,000 students," Gary Boden, with Institutional Research for the university said. Though the final numbers will not be in until this October, the current estimates rank this year's freshmen class as reaching record-topping totals.

Of the 3,160 incoming freshmen this year, 2,800 live on campus. Dining halls have filled up with excited faces as new students discovered URI's unlimited meal swipes and laid back atmosphere after move-in day.

According to a URI press release, the incoming class is 57

percent women and 43 percent men. The class of 2015 represents 27 states and 16 nations.

The majority of students of the class of 2015 are from Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Connecticut, and New York, though Boden notes the ratio of out-of-state students is only slightly higher than last year and hovers around 50 percent.

However, some students had to travel a little bit farther to make it to URI this week.

Emma Clarke, an exchange student from Reading University in England said she was excited to experience "the spirit of the American mind." She came to URI for the art program and said it is much better than it is at Reading. Clarke said it has been interesting to study the differences in students' manners and ways of speaking.

"People hold doors for you here," she said.

After a life-long fascination

with American literature, Kate Hawke came to URI as an exchange student from the University of East Anglia in Norwich, United Kingdom. She said she is most excited about meeting Americans and learning about cultural differences to enhance her understanding of American literature.

Kyle Carpentier, originally from a small town in Maine, said he came to URI because he was expecting something small. He was surprised to find that URI is "so much bigger than it looked on the map."

Carpentier said he is excited to surround himself with new people and to prepare for the future. As a pharmacy major, he is fascinated with the medical research conducted by URI, and is looking forward to being a part of it. Carpentier said that campus life seems relaxed.

"Everyone here is experiencing new things and getting along okay," Carpentier said.

Roads

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Lower College Road, will be used for incoming and outgoing buses and for traffic leaving the Union parking lot. This is because the road extending from the parking lot to the bus circle to Lower College Road is now one-way and ends with a set of stairs for pedestrian traffic.

"This [allows] a better circulation pattern to continue Campus Avenue downhill...a smoother transition," Depace said.

Director of Housing and Residential Life Chip Yensan said part of the reason behind this is because Baird Hill Road and Campus Avenue now create a four-way intersection with Lower College Road. Administration is currently deciding on whether or not to place a four-way stop at the intersection for increased safety.

He added that although the parking lot across the Memorial Union has been demolished, a

new road is expected to replace the old Quarry Road, which ran between the Terrace Apartments.

Yensan said this road is expected to be complete before the next Fall semester. In addition to including temporary parking spacing, this road will provide a formal connecting and shuttle route for students frequenting to and from Fraternity Circle.

"Students will no longer have to travel out to route 138 or up to the Keaney [lot] in order to get to Fraternity Circle," Yensan said.

The project, which is part of the greater construction being done for the new Hillside residence halls, began last Spring in an attempt to increase the percentage of undergraduates living on campus from nearly 40 percent to more than 50 percent.

Although the total cost of the roadwork is unavailable, Vice President of Administration and Finance Robert Weygand said the cost of the total Hillside project, including the construction of the Hillside residence halls, is

around \$42 million. Money for this project was raised through university funds and Parking Services.

"Most of that [money] is being used for the new resident hall but also includes new sidewalks and the new [Quarry] road," he said.

In fact, Depace added that when the fence separating Baird Hill Road and the construction site is removed, a sidewalk will be added along the road to allow for pedestrian traffic. Stop signs, speed bumps, lamp posts, and ornamental grasses are also expected to be placed along the road.

"We really worked with a compressed time frame between last year and the beginning of this year," Depace said. "[Even] in the summer we had to work around students at orientation with all the dust rising...it was all done in a controlled manner."

Construction along Baird Hill Road, along with the Hillside residential hall, is expected to be complete next summer.

Lee drenches Northeast; 100K told to leave homes

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. (AP) — The remnants of Tropical Storm Lee poured water on top of the already soaked Northeast on Thursday, closing hundreds of roads and forcing evacuation orders for more than 100,000 people from the Susquehanna River's worst flooding in nearly 40 years.

Most of the evacuations were ordered in and around Wilkes-Barre, where the levee system is just high enough to hold back the river if it crests at the predicted level. Even if the levees hold, 800 to 900 unprotected homes were in danger. If they fail, thousands of buildings could be lost.

"This is a scary situation," said Stephen Bekanich, Luzerne County's emergency management director. He and other officials were confident the levees would work but sought volunteers to lay sandbags on both sides of the river.

In Hummelstown, another Pennsylvania community along the river, Donna MacLeod had to be rescued from her home.

"I'm heartsick," she said. "I know I lost two cars and everything that was in my basement and everything that was on the first floor. But I have my life and I have my dog, so that's good."

Upriver in Binghamton, N.Y., a city of about 45,000, the Susquehanna coursed into the streets and climbed halfway up lampposts at a downtown plaza. Mayor Matt Ryan said it was the city's worst flooding since the flood walls were built in the 1930s and '40s.

Road closures effectively sealed Binghamton off to outside traffic as emergency responders scrambled to evacuate holdouts who didn't heed warnings to leave. Buses and then boats were used to evacuate residents, and National Guard helicopters were on standby.

"It's going to get worse," Gov. Andrew Cuomo said, warning people to leave when they get the order.

Up to nine inches of rain fell in parts of Pennsylvania, and a similar amount fell in Binghamton. Rivers and streams passed or approached flood stage from Maryland to Massachusetts, and experts said more flooding was coming.

The storm compounded the misery for some people still trying to bounce back from Hurricane Irene.

Some of the areas hardest hit by the August storm, such as Vermont, avoided the brunt of the latest bad weather. But in Paterson, N.J., where the Passaic River was rising, about 75 people were still in a shelter because of Irene.

"We just finished cleaning up after the flood from Irene," said Edith Rodriguez, who

lived in shelters for three days and spent Wednesday night at a high school outside Schenectady, N.Y., because of Lee. "Now we have to start all over again."

Commuters and other travelers searched for detours as highways and other roads were flooded out, including sections of New York's Interstate 88, which follows the Susquehanna's path. In eastern Pennsylvania, where hundreds of roads were closed, flooding and a rock slide partially closed the Schuylkill Expressway, a major artery into Philadelphia.

Airtrak passenger service on New York's east-west corridor was canceled, as were classes at many colleges and schools across the Northeast.

At least 11 deaths have been blamed on Lee: four in central Pennsylvania, two in northern Virginia and one in Maryland, along with four others killed when it came ashore on the Gulf Coast last week.

Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett warned of "a public health emergency because sewage treatment plants are underwater and no longer working."

"Flood water is toxic and polluted," he said. "If you don't have to be in it, keep out."

Up to 75,000 residents in and around Wilkes-Barre were ordered to leave. The mayor told residents to pack food, clothing and medicine and plan for a three-day evacuation.

The river was projected to crest overnight at 40.8 feet — essentially the same height as the levee system and nearly the level it reached in 1972, when Hurricane Agnes caused massive flooding in the area. Luzerne County officials ordered all communities flooded by Agnes to evacuate for the remnants of Lee.

Rose Simko packed up her car and headed to higher ground to stay with family. She was worried about her house, just 150 feet from a levee, but knew she had to leave.

"Everything is replaceable," she said, "but my life is not."

Bekanich said several thousand people left their homes, but he did not yet have a complete total. Shelters prepared to handle close to 5,000 people were beginning to fill up, Luzerne County Commissioner Maryanne Petrilla said.

Some 20,000 evacuations were ordered for the Binghamton area, and another 6,000 to 10,000 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania's capital. Crews put sandbags around the governor's mansion, and the first lady moved furnishings from the first floor as the river spilled over its banks.

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school being Princeton.

"We are doing our best to make the college experience affordable with the quality improving," she said. "The university continues to invest in the quality of education for students."

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THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

This Sunday
we will commemorate
the 10th anniversary of
September 11th, 2001.

We ask, then, that you pause to
remember families, friends, alums and
first responders who were affected by the
events of that day. At URI, we vow to
strengthen our resolve, as a community,
working diligently
for social justice and for peace.



*Students, Faculty & Staff
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EDITORIAL & OPINION

Fresh Start

It's that time of year again—the time of year to set your alarm to 9 a.m. again; the time of year when you open up your checkbook to pay for a stack of books. It's back to school at the University of Rhode Island, and that means a semester full of new beginnings and fresh starts for freshmen and upperclassmen alike.

That means a new chance to make the mistakes of last semester a thing of the past. One of the things that always comes back to haunt students is not learning from their academic history. Whether that means an old high school habit of skipping studying for the test, or last semester's procrastination on a term paper, it's time for those habits to be kicked to the curb. In a school as large as URI, it's easy to wipe a slate clean. It's a new semester with a whole new group of classmates and professors—time for a new first impression.

That also means taking advantage of the resources available for you at the university. URI is ranked as one of the best investment for its students, but that doesn't mean a degree is a fast ticket to a high-paying job. In order to get the value out of your education, whether it's monetary or otherwise, you have to earn it. Think a few steps ahead of where you were last semester to make sure that, no matter how many years you have left at URI, you make them count.

The same goes for us, at the Cigar. We're working this semester on bringing in new columns, new articles and new perspectives. We're here for you—the student body, the individuals who make URI an institution that creates successful, dynamic graduates. Tell us what you want to read. Tell us what issues you'd like us to investigate. Tell us how we can help represent you more effectively on campus. We're here to listen, but most importantly, we're here to speak for you.

When the lights went out

BY ALY D'AMATO
Production Manager

Most students at the University of Rhode Island are no strangers to wind and rain, but this August's Hurricane Irene brought many residents in the country's smallest state and its New England neighbors more severe conditions than usual.

When the storm came through two weekends ago I was with family in Connecticut and woke up on the morning of Sunday, Aug. 28, like many others, to a house without power.

At first I was thrilled. I have always loved thunderstorms and power outages that allow you to bring out the candles, the flashlights and the games. Growing up, the occasional power outage that lasted just a mere hour or two was an exciting event. Especially when it was dark outside.

So during the days leading up to Irene, when the weather forecasters warned of the possible damage and likelihood that most of the state should expect several days of power outages, the usual excitement grew, even though it seemed unlikely for the outages to last much longer than a day. But they did.

The first day was fun. We stayed inside during the storm and watched as the yard collected a smattering of leaves and branches while trees on our road and in our town were uprooted, tearing down power lines. We were

ready for the night with candles and bottled water.

After those first 24 hours the situation was a little inconvenient. After 48 hours it grew kind of old. This was the longest period of time that I had gone without power. Apart from the immediately obvious loss of lights and television, I had never completely considered all the ways in which we fully rely on power to go through our daily tasks.

We couldn't continue to eat food from our refrigerator, couldn't take showers, couldn't use the alarm system, couldn't heat up anything in the microwave or oven, or even toast a piece of bread; we lost access to running water, our landline and most cell service, as well. We were basically camping in a well-furnished "tent."

Being able to shower at a family member or friend's house was exquisite, despite the drive. A freshly cooked meal was practically a luxury after eating non-perishables for breakfast, lunch and dinner. And this was as early as day two.

On the Wednesday after the storm (day four of no power), my dad and I ran some errands and headed home mid-afternoon. As we turned onto our street, we saw children at the first house playing in sprinklers and washing a car and my dad exclaimed, "Look! They have running water!" followed by the just as exciting

discovery that they also had a light on inside their garage.

We continued down toward our house, every part of us hoping that the power had been restored at our home, too. As soon as we walked through the front door, I flipped a light switch and the glimmer of light that beamed down on us brought sighs of relief and joy. We had gone three and a half days without power, yet it seemed as if it could have been weeks.

A good deal of New Englanders probably don't truly comprehend the power and destruction that a hurricane can bring since it is a rarity for such a strong hurricane to hit this area. We can watch the Weather Channel and the news for pictures of hurricane damages and statistics about the thousands of people without power or property loss in other states, but until that storm hits home, it is still separate from our lives.

Aside from the power outages, my family was fortunate not to suffer any damages from Irene. However, after three and a half days without power and witnessing the damage in other areas of my town, I think I'll always have a bit more of an awareness of the intensity of hurricanes and other natural disasters locally and around the world; because no matter where you are, it's never fun if the lights go out for too long.

Preparation solves parking issues

BY JACQUELYN MOOREHEAD
News Reporter

As a student that lives off campus, I understand the pain when it comes to driving to school everyday. I leave an hour, if not more, before class begins. This is not just because it is a half hour drive, but also because of the traffic and lack of parking.

This is why it is very important to leave with plenty of extra time before class to prepare for any unexpected delays. So far I have encountered traffic at all ends of campus and leaving is just as hard as arriving.

In the past I have needed to circle parking lots on campus for up to 40 minutes looking for a space. I have seen people need to park illegally to prevent themselves from being late for class, resulting in their cars being towed.

After three years of commuting to the Kingston

campus I have come up with some guidelines for driving to campus and getting to school on time.

First, always wake up early enough to make coffee and lunch and give yourself enough time to warm up to the idea of going to class all day. It is very important that you use this time to make sure you have everything you need to be successful, including your books and homework.

Once the trip to school has been made there probably won't be enough time to turn around to get something that you have forgotten.

Also, it is not very feasible to drive from campus back to your home and returning to campus on time for your next class. This is especially important if your classes are back to back. So always remember, double check your gear to make sure you have everything you need for the day.

Next, I suggest that if a

coffee or breakfast stop is necessary on the way, be prepared for it to take at least ten minutes. This has caused me to be late plenty of times, which is even more stressful when finding parking is already so difficult.

Lastly, bring an extra pair of clothes just in case. What if it rains and for the next three classes you must endure soggy feet and wet pants? What if it has rained all morning, but when the afternoon comes the sun is shining and suddenly you are overdressed? It is much easier to make a trip to the trunk for a change of clothes rather than a voyage home.

So remember, make sure you have everything before you leave the house, give yourself extra time when you take into account coffee stops and parking and be prepared for a change in the weather.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

'Potter' and 'Super 8' top list of summer blockbusters

BY ALEX MCDEVITT
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The five most engaging and provoking movies from the months of May to late August came to be both good and bad due to the amount of movie ticket stubs and 3D glasses I had to use. From the discovery of an extra terrestrial life form after a horrific train crash in "Super 8," the life and times of bridesmaids to be in "Bridesmaids," and the ending of a decade long battle between good and evil in "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part II," summer 2011 was a time to be had for the moviegoer.

My No. 5 decision for most engaging movie rested with "Captain America." Chris Evans, who is quickly becoming a movie star of tomorrow, portrayed Steve Rogers, an orphan from the Bronx that became the shining light for America's troops serving in World War II. "Captain America," shot with dark lighting very similar to film noir, helped support its stylish action scenes and its great villains, who you wanted to see get the snot beat out of. To me, "Captain America" was perhaps the most relatable of the Marvel superheroes for what he stood for and where his real cause of rightful action spiraled from.

Perhaps the biggest surprise on this list was the smash hit "Bridesmaids" produced by Judd Apatow. The movie came with a lash of gross-out humor but still took its time to develop bright characters and exhibit witty writing. Kirsten Wigg, who played the main character, finally came out to be a lead star in a rather shallow field of comedic actors. Since appearing on "Saturday Night Live," her fame has just continued to grow, and it's well-deserved. To me, "Bridesmaids" was a much better movie than "The Hangover Part 2." In comparison, it was funnier, more clever and overall more fun.

From reboot to remakes in the Hollywood culture, and especially in the dealings of prequels for such an acclaimed series, the X-Men series hit it big with the addition of "X-Men: First Class." Thanks to much-needed guidance provided by director Mathew Vaughn and, perhaps, award-worthy performances from its all-star cast that included James Mcavoy, Jennifer Lawrence and especially Michael Fassbender, "First Class" revamped the X-Men series to its former glory, and in a sense, what it should have always been.

"Super 8," a film made and brilliantly told by the



Harry Potter fans found that the final film was worth the wait.

visionary minds of director J.J. Abrams ("Lost," "Star Trek") and producer Steven Spielberg, asks the age old question of classic filmmaking at its finest: can giant blockbusters that cost little money

to make still have the same effects as their counterparts? Filled with some of the best child performances that I've ever seen by Joel Courtney, Ryan Lee and Elle Fanning, "Super 8" rekindles the same

magic that "E.T." and "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" had and reminded me why I love going to the movies. As the last frames of "Super 8" winded out on its reel, you will be star stuck as how much of a reaction a monster movie can give audiences these days.

I don't think I need to explain myself with my No. 1 pick. Waiting 10 years to see the conclusion of the Harry Potter series was worth the wait. From the main characters and tiny plot points that we as the fan base care to know and love, that Harry Potter has lasted this long in our minds and our hearts still blows my mind.

"The Deathly Hallows Part II" reminded me of what "Return of the King" did for the Lord of the Rings series, in that it hit all the right bars of emotion and charismatic moments. Combining giant epic battle sequences with benefactors on both sides, but also slowing down the pace with some tense and excruciating turning points for Harry and his friends, "Deathly Hallows Part II" builds up and releases its payload to make sure even die hard fans are satisfied in the end of this magnificent tale.

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Fashion's Night Out, Year 3

NEW YORK (AP) — Justin Bieber met fans in a purple leather jacket at Dolce & Gabbana in New York, Michael Kors launched his new Rockefeller Center store with a Rockettes kick line, and crowds of fashionistas spilled into the streets of Paris Thursday as Fashion's Night Out entered its third year.

"I'm wearing Dolce & Gabbana head to toe," said Bieber, who was signing D&G T-shirts (\$195 apiece) for fans in Manhattan, one of hundreds of Fashion's Night Out events worldwide.

Fashion's Night Out was started in 2009 in New York by Vogue editor-in-chief Anna Wintour as a celebrity-studded way to lure shoppers into stores during the recession, but it's turned into a global shopping party. Retailers ranging from upscale boutiques to suburban malls to websites have embraced the nocturnal shopping extravaganza, which coincides with the start of New York Fashion Week and the important fall fashion season.

At the jam-packed Bieber shirt-signing in the D&G boutique on Madison Avenue, nearly every adult shopper had a pint-sized companion, the boys with

Bieber hair, the girls with lip gloss courtesy of free touchups to promote D&G Lipstick.

Stephanie Steinberg brought her 11-year-old daughter Caroline, who clutched her just-signed shirt after meeting the pop star. "I've never seen her speechless until now," the mom said. D&G donated a portion of proceeds from the event to Bieber's favorite charity, Pencils of Promise.

In Paris, teenage girls mingled with grand dames in Chanel jackets and pearls inside luxury boutiques in the so-called "Golden Triangle" shopping district. Crowds were so thick they spilled off sidewalks and into the streets, much to the annoyance of taxis snared in the surge. Participating boutiques included Chanel, Dior, Prada, Armani and Ralph Lauren.

"With the Champagne and the music, it's like a party in here," said Paris reveler Sandra Pauwels, 35, while sipping a cocktail at Ungaro.

Milan, Los Angeles, Dallas and even Adelaide, Australia, were among cities participating worldwide. Celebrities at Fashion's Night Out in London included actress Gwyneth Paltrow, who attended a Vogue party. In New York, Fifth Avenue

was packed with throngs of shoppers streaming in and out of stores like Bergdorf Goodman, where crowds came out to see Oscar de la Renta and to get their tarot cards read by jewelry designer Amy Zerner. One of New York's longest lines was outside an Yves Saint Laurent boutique, where fans waited to meet rapper-turned-R&B star Nicki Minaj.

Florida welcomed Fashion's Night Out with runway shows, after-hours shopping and cocktail receptions. More than 65 retailers in the Miami area took part, along with venues in Fort Lauderdale, Orlando, Tampa and Jacksonville.

Stylist Danny Santiago, who collaborated on looks from the "Sex and the City" movies as well as "Confessions of a Shopaholic," styled a runway show at the Aventura Mall in Aventura, Fla., for FNO using pieces sold at the mall today that echo influential styles from the past. They included sheaths and beaded dresses inspired by the 1920s; hourglass silhouettes reflecting tailored 1940s looks; psychedelic prints and mismatched black-and-white pattern sechoing the 1960s; and graphic patterns and the famous wrap dress look from the 1970s.

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The recently finished path between Quinn and Ranger halls, which extends up to Swan Hall, has fresh grass, trees, and lighting.



After workers located mold in the majority of Taft Hall, chain link fences have been placed to block the main walkway as the building is gutted out.

Construction

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anyone because not many people were on campus at that time."

Weygand said the reason for the new building is because the university really wanted to use the space more efficiently.

"There will be a sky-walk system to connect the two buildings and also a way to walk between the buildings on the ground," Weygand said.

When finished, the dorm will be a LEED silver certified building, which means that they will receive a certificate to display stating that they are a "green building."

Weygand said there will be solar panels on the roof for hot water and much of the building and contents will be made out of recycled materials.

"There will be an energy meter in the front lobby so students can see how much energy is being consumed in the building at any given time," Weygand said. "This might help

students think of ways to conserve and maybe go turn some lights off or something like that."

During the summer, Campus Avenue was also redirected so that cars couldn't drive by the bus circle and around Parking Services to get down to Barlow Circle and Butterfield Road. Instead, the

road begins at Upper College Road and goes straight down to Butterfield Road. The old road was filled in and turned into a walk way and stairs that connect the bus circle with Campus Avenue.

Weygand said that the new road system will make for better circulation of cars.

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Land beside the future chemistry building is filled with the various trucks, Dumpsters and materials needed to construct the new building.

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Power out for millions in Calif., Ariz., Mexico

SAN DIEGO (AP) — More than 2 million people on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border were left without power Thursday after a major outage that extended from Arizona to southern California, including San Diego, the eighth largest U.S. city.

Mike Niggli, chief operating officer of San Diego Gas & Electric Co. ruled out terrorism but said the cause is unclear.

"To my knowledge this is the first time we've lost an entire system," he said at a news conference.

The outage that started shortly before 4 p.m. PDT extended from southern parts of Orange County to San Diego to Yuma, Arizona. It also is affecting cities south of the border across much of the state of northern Baja.

All outgoing flights from San Diego's Lindbergh Field were grounded and police stations were using generators to accept emergency calls across San Diego County.

Charles Coleman, a spokesman from Southern California Edison, said the two reactors at the San Onofre nuclear power plant

went offline at 3:38 p.m. as they are programmed to do when there is a disturbance in the power grid, but there was no danger to the public or to workers there.

Residents in parts of eastern San Diego County and Yuma, Ariz. endured sweltering temperatures with no air conditioning.

"It's 113 degrees right now outside and 75 in my office," said Yuma city spokesman Greg Hyland, who was sitting in the dark, answering calls.

Niggli said relief was on its way, slowly. He said his 1.4 million customers may be without power until Friday.

He said the utility lost power due to a transmission failure that started at a large switching station in Arizona, where several high-voltage lines come together, although the cause has not been determined.

"I suspect the system was overwhelmed by too many outages in too many places," Niggli said.

In the desert heat of the Palm Springs area, the temperature was 111 on Thursday, with the rolling blackouts. The Eisenhower Medical Center will serve as

an oasis of air conditioning since it operates on its own power source, said hospital spokeswoman Deborah Johnson.

Johnson welcomed fragile seniors and others affected by the heat to cool off in their lobby.

"All I can say is God bless air conditioning," she said.

Five hundred to 2,000 SoCal Edison customers in southern Orange County and Riverside County are currently without power and there is no estimate for when power will be restored, Coleman said.

"It's up to the Independent System Operator to determine what the cause was," he said.

In southern Orange County, the sheriff's department dispatched deputies to busy intersections because traffic lights were out, said John McDonald, a sheriff's spokesman. Outages were confirmed in San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano and Laguna Hills, he said.

Nike releases "Back to the Future" shoe

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Nike is going back to the future.

The sneaker maker on Thursday said it has created a limited-edition shoe based on a glowing pair that appeared in the popular 1989 movie "Back to the Future II." The 2011 Nike Mag is designed to be an exact replica of the fictional sneaker, including a glowing Nike name on the strap. But unlike the movie version, these shoes won't lace themselves.

Nike will release 1,500 pairs of the 2011 Nike Mag sneaker for auction on eBay and donate all proceeds to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's disease research. Fox famously played Marty McFly in the "Back to the Future" time-travel trilogy, where he wore the shoes during a visit to the year 2015.

"It hasn't gone unnoticed by us that there is something special about that shoe and, of course, the movie," said famed Nike shoe designer Tinker Hatfield, who helped design the original shoe and worked on the latest version.

Limited-edition shoes can draw as much, if not more mania, as a new movie or comic book release. Fans obsessively track the latest news and are willing to camp out all night or spending hundreds or more for a single pair online.

Nike's collector sneaker has been long awaited by shoe collectors and movie fans, who have been urging the company to make them ever since the movie was released. There were roughly eight or ten pairs used in the movie, some of which are in Nike's possession and a few that collectors somehow got their hands on.

Owning them, or even seeing a pair of them, has become a singular pursuit for some fans. There was even an online campaign a few years ago called "McFly 2015, Make it Happen" that gathered thousands of signatures to convince Nike to bring the McFly shoe back.

"This is the biggest thing that has happened to sneakers

since Michael Jordan, hands down," said Matt Halfhill, an avid shoe collector who runs the website nicekicks.com and flew from Austin, Texas, to Los Angeles for the unveiling of the shoe on Thursday hours after Nike contacted him. "Other than the birth of one of my children, I wouldn't have missed this for anything."

Nike Inc., based in Beaverton, Ore., decided more than four years ago to create the shoe, but was unsure when a pair would be ready. Unlike the shoes in the movie, the real-life versions had to be designed for day-to-day use. For instance, the design used in the movie required Fox to wear a battery pack with wires running down his pants to light the shoe, which was the best technology available at the time.

Hatfield said the Nike Mag has been difficult to develop and the electrical systems, which illuminate the shoe for up to five hours, have been one of the most challenging things the company has ever done in footwear. But the timing seemed perfect to bring the shoe back to support a bigger idea.

That Nike is releasing the shoe in 2011 enables it to take advantage of a matching grant for the foundation. Google founder Sergey Brin and his wife Anne Wojcicki have offered to match all donations to the Michael J. Fox Foundation up to \$50 million through the end of 2012.

"The project is exciting to me because it brings together three very passionate audiences: the Parkinson's community, sneakerheads and 'Back to the Future' fans," Fox said in a statement. "With their support we can accelerate our objective of finding a cure for Parkinson's."

Nike also has created a faux "lost scene" from the film to promote the shoe that includes original cast members Christopher Lloyd and Donald Fullilove, who will be joined by basketball star Kevin Durant and Nike's Hatfield.

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Women's volleyball sweeps tournament

BY SHAWN SAIYA
Sports Editor

Senior Kayla Wilson led the University of Rhode Island women's volleyball team to a three-game sweep at the Stony Brook Holiday Inn Express Tournament at Stony Brook University. Her play at the tournament last weekend earned her the title of tournament MVP and Atlantic 10 Conference Co-Player of the Week honors.

"It's expected out of her," Head Coach Bob Schneck said of Wilson's performance. "She's our senior captain and has been providing good

leadership early in the season. It was cool that she could turn it on like that this weekend."

Rhody cruised past Iona University in their first match three sets to one on Friday. Wilson's 20 kills and 19 digs propelled the team to the victory. Rhody hit well in the match with a .302 (62k, 20e, 139a) hit percentage.

Rhody took on both Kent State and Stony Brook University on Saturday, winning both games 3-2.

With the three wins, Rhody claimed first place in the tournament.

"It's great when we can

get out there early and learn a lot about ourselves," Assistant Coach Steve Santonastaso said. "We have been able to successfully fight through and compete against Big East [Conference] teams like [the University of] Pittsburgh [on Aug 27.]"

Next up for Rhody is a trio of games today and Saturday at home. The Rams take on Columbia University at 11 a.m. and the University of Wisconsin at 7 p.m. Rhody caps off their weekend tomorrow at 7 p.m. when they take on Boston College.

Roddick's court unplayable; final match moved to Monday

NEW YORK (AP) — At one point, Andy Roddick looked up and saw a fan scaling a chain-link fence behind tiny Court 13, hoping to catch a peek of the 2003 U.S. Open champion's victory Thursday.

At another point, a baby's loud cries provided a distraction at the 584-seat venue.

"At least," Roddick deadpanned later, "there wasn't a baby crying on the fence."

It was that sort of day at this most unusual U.S. Open.

Rain finally gave way to sun, but chaos still managed to reign. A crack near a baseline in the tournament's second-biggest stadium let water seep through, halting Roddick's already twice-delayed match against David Ferrer until they were moved to a court often used by juniors.

And because of showers earlier this week, the U.S. Tennis Association extended the tournament, delaying the men's final by 24 hours to Monday at 4 p.m. EDT. The women's final was shifted from Saturday night to Sunday at 4 p.m.

Amid all of Thursday's goings-on — which also included complaints about the schedule both before and after it was changed; talk by Roddick and others about forming a union; and treatment by a trainer for both No. 1 Novak Djokovic and his opponent, who eventually quit, then apologized to Djokovic — at least there was plenty of tennis played, quite a change from Tuesday's total

washout and Wednesday's 15 minutes of action.

Roddick, defending champion Rafael Nadal, Andy Murray and John Isner all won to reach the quarterfinals. On the other side of the men's draw, Djokovic got to the semifinals, while Roger Federer's nighttime quarterfinal was — surprise! — delayed by rain in the first set. Serena Williams, Caroline Wozniacki, Sam Stosur and Angelique Kerber filled the four spots in the women's semifinals.

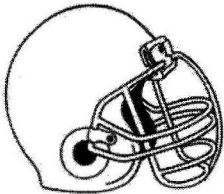
Given the delays, the 21st-seeded Roddick was eager to get going against the fifth-seeded Ferrer somewhere — anywhere, really.

They got in less than 10 minutes Thursday before Roddick pointed out a damp spot in Louis Armstrong Stadium that made it too dangerous to play. He and Ferrer headed back to the locker room while workers spent an hour trying to dry the area. At 12:30 p.m., the players returned with tournament referee Brian Earley to inspect the area.

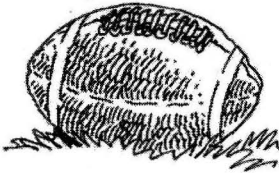
Roddick pointed out that the spot still was wet and said to Earley, "Can you tell us why you brought us out here? ... How hard is it to not see water? ... What are we doing here?"

As he walked to the sideline, Roddick shook his head and said: "I'm baffled right now. Absolutely baffled." He shoved his racket in his bag and walked off the court, as some fans jeered.

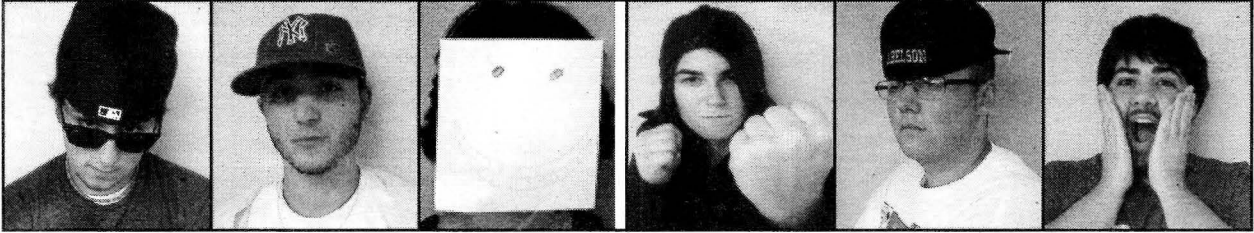
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